IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An amorphous silica particle having a maximum value of $\Delta Vp/\Delta Rp$ is 20 $mm^3/nm \cdot g^{-1}$ or more in [[the]] a pore distribution curve obtained by a benzene adsorption isotherm, wherein Vp is [[the]] a pore volume [mm^3/g] and Rp is [[the]] a pore radius [nm]; and

a pore peak radius is from 20 nm to 100 nm when the $\Delta Vp/\Delta Rp$ value is maximum.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim l, wherein the maximum value of $\Delta Vp/\Delta Rp$ is 30 $mm^3/nm \cdot g^{-1}$ or more in the pore distribution curve obtained by [[a]] the benzene adsorption isotherm, wherein Vp is the pore volume [mm^3/g] and Rp is the pore radius [nm]; and

[[a]] the pore peak radius is from 30 nm to 90 nm when the $\Delta Vp/\Delta Rp$ value is maximum.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 1, wherein the amorphous silica particle has an oil absorption, and wherein the oil absorption ~~measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics)~~ is more than 260 ml/100g.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 3, wherein the oil absorption ~~measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics)~~ is more than 280 ml/ 100g.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 4, wherein the oil absorption ~~measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics)~~ is more than 300 ml/100g.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 5, wherein the oil absorption ~~measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics)~~ is more than 320 ml/100g.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ having an OI1 that is 9.5 min/100g or less.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 1, ~~wherein the~~ having an OI2 that is 1.2 or less.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method for producing chemical adsorbing agents, the method comprising:

blending the silica particles according to Claim 1 with a resin.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): An adsorbent for pharmaceuticals and/or agrochemicals, comprising the amorphous silica particles according to Claim 1.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A matting agent, comprising the amorphous silica particles according to Claim 1.